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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices in all areas were generally unchanged when compared to previous week. Trade sentiment ranged about steady to barely steady. Retail and food service demand following the weekend was fair to moderate, best for active ads and fast food. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient with heavier weights more available. In the parts structure, interest was fair to instances moderate. Dark meat was in good balance to tight, breast items and wings were at least adequate to readily available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to heavy, mostly desirable.

**Final Report** of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 24-APR-2006 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE	
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG
Boston/New England	TFEWR		:	58.80
Chicago	46.00-49.00	49.30	37 :	49.78
Ohio Cities	TFEWR		:	49.71
Denver	74.50	74.25	14 :	74.93
Detroit	48.00-52.00	50.57	7 :	54.14
Los Angeles	75.00	72.41	67 :	68.47
New York	48.00-51.00	49.96	23 :	53.60
Philadelphia	47.50-49.00	48.18	11 :	49.78
Pittsburgh	47.00-50.00	48.73	11 :	57.35
St. Louis	47.25-47.50	46.96	20 :	49.56
San Francisco	75.50	73.95	32 :	75.10

### Composite Weighted Average

Loads	04/17/06	Change/Last Wk	04/17/06	04/25/05
579	58.77	.13	58.64	73.02

**WOG BROILERS** (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delv'd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads
Eastern	53.00-55.00	53.99	33
Central	45.00-55.00	52.16	69
Western	50.00-60.00	56.90	40
<b>Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent</b>			
Mississippi	65.00-68.00	66.65	91

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 67.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,126	46.00-70.00	66.22
The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:		
LINE RUN TENDERS	142.00	1,518
BREASTS - B/S	110.50	6,243
BREASTS - WHOLE	58.00	1,593
THIGH MEAT - B/S	73.00	1,212
LEG QUARTERS	17.50	9,706
WINGS	85.50	3,138

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**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER** Trucklot buying interest was mostly fair entering the week. Offerings of all sizes were at least adequate for current needs with the 3 pound and smaller sizes in the better balance. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light to fair. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, breast items were adequate to fully adequate. Dark meat cuts were in good balance to well cleared and wings were fully adequate.

**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was mostly steady to about steady. Demand following the weekend was light to fair, instances moderate for active retail ads and fast food promotions. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was usually light to moderate. Dark meat was adequate to closely cleared, aided by export interest. Wings were readily available, and breast items were at least adequate, closest for tenders. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at generally desirable weights.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Final majority prices were unchanged. Trade sentiments were about steady overall. Trading reported at generally unchanged to somewhat lower prices. Offerings were adequate to ample. Heavy weights in the longest position and discounts offered to help place excess product. Buying activity had improved. Retailer demand was moderate to instances good, best to cover features planned or in progress. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. Trade sentiments were generally steady to firm on parts, as dark meat items showed strength. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was 51.00 down .73, with the volume reported at 31 loads up 19 percent.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER** Whole broiler/fryer majority prices were generally unchanged from last Monday's final; Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole fryer market tone was steady, occasionally barely steady. Offerings were fully adequate for the light trade call. Retail and food service movement covered the full range; best into fast food and catering. Floor stocks were in close balance to long; sizes desirable. Parts offerings were light to moderate with leg items in balance to tight, wings mixed, tight to adequate and breast cuts available. The market tone was steady to firm on leg cuts, and steady to fully steady on the balance of parts.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was only fair for early week business. Seller offerings were adequate to fully adequate, but were in a better balance on the smaller sizes. Live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 48 to 65 cents. Trade sentiment was steady to about steady. In the parts complex, dark meat items were in close balance. Breast items were adequate to fully adequate. Wings were adequate to available.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	45-66
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying activity was fair to instances moderate entering the week. Offerings of breast items were more than sufficient for current trade needs. Boneless skinless thigh meat was well cleared. Most dark meat cuts were in good balance and clearing satisfactorily. Wings were at least adequate. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate. The market tone was full steady to firm on thigh meat and leg quarters; at least steady to fully steady on legs and thighs with some improvements noted on drumsticks. The balance of items were generally steady.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	NEGOTIATED TRADING*	CURRENT	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	100-105	95.21	730,940	
TENDERLOINS	100	94.32	197,250	
BREAST - WITH RIBS	56-57	62.08	79,680	
BREAST - LINE RUN	56	58.97	85,080	
LEGS	29-30	29.31	173,670	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	18-19	17.94	446,310	
DRUMSTICKS	20-21	22.38	111,100	
THIGHS	25-26	30.57	35,920	
B/S THIGHS	75-76	72.02	95,380	
WINGS (WHOLE)	70-71	71.35	269,860	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.13	20,640	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25-30	33.12	11,040	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	49.78	13,400	

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

**ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS** F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY WT.	AVG
BREAST - B/S	640	90.00-100.00	90-95	95.81
TENDERLOINS	280	87.00-95.00	-	93.86
BREAST - WITH RIBS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	1,480	14.00-17.00	15-16	15.05
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	3,480	16.00-19.00	17-19	17.65
WINGS (WHOLE)	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	1,560	15.00-20.00	19	18.59

#### ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	Estimate (1,000)	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wts	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wts
	04/24	04/20	04/20	04/17	04/13
Alabama	3,904	3,990	5.24	4,042	5.32
Arkansas	5,448	4,917	5.32	5,349	5.23
Delmarva	2,298	2,288	5.74	1,330	5.66
KY-LA-TN	2,280	2,259	4.99	2,063	4.96
Mississippi	2,950	2,893	5.79	2,868	5.59
North Carolina	2,634	2,615	6.76	1,946	6.77
Texas	2,464	2,528	5.29	2,508	5.24
Total	21,978	21,490	5.55	20,106	5.50
Mon	21,978 (A)			20,106(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 24-Apr 2005 is estimated to be 32,882,000 up 8.99 percent from a week ago, and up 3.5 percent from a year ago. (last week 30,171,000 last year 31,767,000)

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS** F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	695	90.00-155.00	95-100	99.49
TENDERLOINS	218	90.00-149.00	96-100	96.66
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	228	20.00-38.00	21-23	22.65
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	592	14.00-20.00	16	16.08
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,305	15.00-25.00	17-18	18.69
WINGS (WHOLE)	275	68.00-94.00	-	72.51
WINGS (CUT)	300	86.00-96.00	88-93	91.43
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR APRIL 24, 2006 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
34.00 - 39.00	36.38	35.74

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER PARTS** ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 24-APR-2006 TO 28-APR-2006, CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	85.00 - 108.00	88.00 - 95.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	53.00 - 81.00	57.00 - 61.00
LEGS	25.00 - 31.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	10.00 - 28.00	16.00 - 18.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	16.00 - 30.00	18.00 - 20.00
DRUMSTICKS	15.00 - 33.00	-
THIGHS	22.00 - 30.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	66.00 - 100.00	80.00 - 86.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 23.00	-
LIVERS	30.00 - 48.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 58.00	-

#### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	80-98
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	83.5-100.5

FROZEN HENS 5# & UP

FROZEN DUCKS

FROZEN SQUABS

#### DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	94-98
ROASTERS 4# & UP	97-105
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	65-73

DUCKS

RABBITS-WHOLE

RABBITS-CUT UP

#### SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

#### DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	108- 114
ICE PACK	89-103
ROASTERS 4# & UP	111-118
ICE PACK	100
HENS OVER 5#	102-109
ICE PACK	88-102
DUCKS	185-190

**EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

APRIL 21, 2006				
CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —				
(Cents per Pound)				
FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	15.00-15.50	482,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		15.17		
15-20%				
RANGE	14.75-19.00	11.00-15.00	1,512,000	832,000
WTD AVERAGE	17.22	12.82		
20% OR MORE	-	13.00	80,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		13.00		

\* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

**CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

APRIL 21, 2006				
CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —				
(Cents per Pound)				
FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	19.00	16.00	101,200	-
WTD AVERAGE	19.00	16.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	12.00-19.50	12.00-15.00	1,408,800	680,000
WTD AVERAGE	14.31	13.82		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

\* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was mostly fair for the generally adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules was noted as normal. The undertone was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 24-APR-06

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9-15	11-13	12.08
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Trading levels were generally unchanged compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were slow. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was steady at best.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 24-APR-06

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9-15.5	11-13	12.02

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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